GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

T,R & B Department - Formation of a Committee at the State Level to monitor all the pending clearances in execution of Major Projects – Orders – Issued.

TRANSPORT, ROADS & BUILDINGS (R.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt. No.198 Dated:26.07.2023.

Read:-

From the Hon'ble Union Minister of Railways, Govt. of India, Lr.No.2021/W-I/Genl/Gatishakti, Dated:19-04-2023.

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ORDER:

1. In the read above, the Hon'ble Union Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology has informed that, development of railway network will add to social and economic development of Andhra Pradesh and currently 31 projects are being executed in Andhra Pradesh. Since execution of railway projects requires support on several fronts, the Minister of Railways has advised to form a committee under Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to resolve the various issues.

2. In this regard, it has also been observed that many projects of the Central and State Government are requiring Forest/wild life clearance. The process of getting clearance is taking considerable time which is leading to delay in the completion of these critical infrastructure projects. The online tracking in Parivesh portal starts with the uploading of part I. However it is noted that there are multitude of time taking and critical steps to be undertaken before part I is uploaded in the Parivesh portal.

3. On analysis of the pending forest clearance issues, it is seen that identification of Compensatory afforestation (CA) lands, Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) survey, preparation of wild life mitigation plan, DGPS authentication etc which are preliminary processes before uploading of PART I in Parivesh portal takes more time than subsequent procedures. It is also noted that there is no data on how many forest clearance applications requiring these preliminary consent are actually pending at the district level. Considerable time can be saved by proper monitoring of these preliminary processes. Hence there is a pertinent need for an structured mechanism at the state level to monitor these preliminary processes and fix reasonable timelines for the completion of the preliminary and subsequent processes.

4. It is further noticed that other issues such as Land Acquisition, Transmission line connectivity, mining approvals, utility shifting and Law & Order aspects need regular monitoring in view of inter departmental coordination issues.

5. Therefore, the Government hereby Constitutes a State Level Coordination Committee with the following officers to monitor all the pending clearances and issues related to inter departmental coordination in the execution of Major Projects of Central and State Government:

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1	Chief Secretary to Government of Andhra Pradesh	Chairperson
2	Special Chief Secretary to Government, Environment Forest Science & Technology Department	Member
3	Special Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department	Member
4	Special Chief Secretary to Government, Energy Department	Member
5	Special Chief Secretary to Government, Panchayat Raj Department	Member
6	Secretary to Government, Transport Roads & Buildings Department	Member-Convenor
7	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Vijayawada	Member
8	Principal Chief conservator of Forests, IT	Member
9	Additional Director General, Law & Order	Member
10	Director, Mines	Member
11	Chief Engineer (R&B) NH & CRF, Vijayawada.	Member

6. The above committee shall meet every fortnight to review the pending clearances and issues related to interdepartmental coordination in the execution of major projects of Central and State Government. The proceedings of the committee shall be minuted and circulated to all the officers concerned for necessary action.

7. The district officers shall take necessary action in pursuance of the minutes and send ATR to the committee before the next meeting.

8. The committee devise uniform formats for reporting by all field level officers.

9. The committee also shall recommend suitable steps to further simplify the procedure of forest clearance within the ambit of the Forest Conservation Act. Such recommendations may be given due consideration by the forest department and necessary action be taken as per the Forest Conservation Act.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government, Energy Department.
The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government, EFS&T Department.
The Secretary to Government, TR&B Department.
The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh.
The Asst. Director General, Law & Order, Andhra Pradesh.
The Director, Mines, Andhra Pradesh.
The Chief Engineer (R&B) NH & CRF, AP, Vijayawada.
The OSD to Chief Secretary to Government.
All the District Collectors in the State.
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